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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After Final Amendment filed 2/28/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-19, 22 and 27-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Emma Start (Agent # 52534) on March 17, 2006. The application has been amended as follows:

- a. In claim 11, line 5, please insert -- said movable member being formed of a plurality of interchangeable modular components, -- between the words "support," and "said".

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Regarding **claim 1** and all claims depending therefrom, the prior art lacks sufficient disclosure or suggestions for a traffic-signaling device for redirecting oncoming traffic comprising a movable member suitable for attachment to a support. The movable member being formed of multiple modular components, wherein the modular components can be assembled in any order in order to form the movable member. These along with the other limitations set forth render the set of claims allowable over the prior art of record.
 - b. Regarding **claim 11** and all of its dependent claims, the prior art of records fails to teach or fairly suggest a traffic-signaling system comprising a plurality of traffic-

signaling devices, wherein each signaling device comprises a movable member. The movable member is formed of a plurality of interchangeable modular components. Each device also comprises a drive system for causing the movable member to move between a first and second position, and a solar powered control system suitable for receiving wireless signals for causing the drive system to activate. These along with further limitations set forth render the claim set allowable over the prior art.

c. Claims 29, 30 and all claims depending therefrom, are allowed. The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a traffic-signaling device or system wherein a moveable member is controlled by a drive system to provide information to oncoming traffic and wherein the drive system is remotely controlled. The traffic-signaling device(s) solar powered control system is capable of communicating over a wireless transmission link with at least one other solar powered control system of another traffic-signaling device. These along with other limitations set forth, render these claims allowable over the prior art of record.

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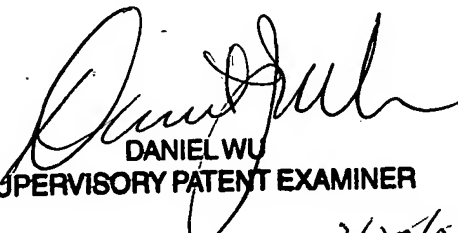
Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric M. Blount whose telephone number is (571) 272-2973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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